

W. SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM

BNAC – 2001 Union Rd., West Seneca

PRODUCED BY LAUREN MASSET

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:05pm

ATTENDANCE

Members: Evelyn Hicks (EH), Chair, Rick Rutkowski (RR), Vice-Chair, Joyce Mallette (JM), Karl Spencer (KS), Jim Caruso (JC), Steve Kondrak (SK), Jack Oshei (JO)

Associate Members: Lauren Masset (LM)

Excused: Dave Monopolus (DM), George Rockey (GR)

Town Board: Councilman Gene Hart (EH), Bill Hanley (BH)

Guests: Anna Knold, Paula Olma

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Meeting Minutes – August 2014

EH makes a motion to table August MM until the next meeting - seconded by KS

AYES: ALL ON THE QUESTION: NONE NOES:NONE

Motion Carried

Financial/Treasurer's Report

JM reports a balance of \$1500.00, an unofficial balance of \$1362.04.

JC makes a motion to accept the unofficial balance seconded by KS

AYES: ALL ON THE QUESTION: NONE NOES:NONE

Motion Carried

Correspondence

NONE

Office

EH reports the WSEC office will be moving into a larger space in the BNAC.

WSEC MEMBER PROJECTS - UPDATES/DISCUSSION

1. Oxbow (2805 Clinton St.) parcel

EH reports there are two work days scheduled:

9/28/14 with West Seneca West Senior High School from 10:00-12:00pm

10/04/14 with Canisius High School from 9:00-12:00pm

EH reports that she is currently working on a final report in order to close the National Fish & Wildlife

Grant.

EH reports the land use lawsuit pertaining to 2735 Clinton St. is over. Edbauer Const. cannot build their facility at the site. The current property owner has been in contact with the town regarding making the current site a public park.

2. West Seneca Developmental Center (1200 East & West Road)

EH spoke with Jeff Nyitrai (NYSDEC) to inquire if the property has been transferred to the NYSDEC. Mr. Nyitrai has not yet responded.

3. National Grid – Gardenville Station Upgrade Project

RR asked that, once the work begins, that National Grid reps be requested to provide us with a monthly summary of their progress

EH reports that National Grid has submitted their permits to the DEC. There is no new information on the permitting process.

4. Subcommittee reports:

a. Tree Issues Subcommittee

KS reports that he has added suggestions/edits from all the Tree Subcommittee meetings. Some additional comments received from members – it was decided that:

- § All comments should be returned to KS by 9/30;
- § KS will revise, return to members by 10/14;
- § Members will review/comment/return to KS by 10/21

b. Water Quality Issues Subcommittee:

RR reports he e- mailed the meeting minutes to members from their June/August 2014 meetings.

EH motions that the WSEC accepts the meeting minutes from June and August 2014 to be part of the record of official business of the WSEC. From this point forward the approved minutes of the subcommittee will be adopted along with the meeting minutes from the normal meeting. Seconded by KS

AYES: ALL ON THE QUESTION: NONE NOES: NONE
Motion Carried

d. Rain Barrels

RR reports that JC and JO called the citizens on the list who requested rain barrels to inquire if they still want them. The group will carry this project into the fall.

e. Illicit Discharges (Cazenovia Creek)

RR reports R. Locey (NYSDEC) advised that the first round of sampling was conducted on 8/27 – results inconclusive – Locey will speak with Jeff Konsella (Regional Water Quality Engineer) re: DEC direction.

f.Boat/canoe/kayak launch site

WH reports the owner of Fontana's grove will be in contact with us after the grove season ends.

RR noted the massive amounts of Japanese knotweed at Fontana's Grove, the gently sloping pathway to creek at NYSDEC fishing access location (possible launch site), and will send photos of same to members

V. TOWN ISSUES

1. Shell Fab & Design (2855 Clinton St) expansion

STATUS QUO

2. Buffalo Bioenergy – Moratorium

Company representatives provided a facility tour to WSEC members on 9/23/14 at 5:30pm. After discussion, the group will take a month and think about the information.

VI. ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

NONE

Motion to adjourn meeting by EH, seconded by JO

AYES: ALL ON THE QUESTION: NONE

NOES:NONE

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned - 8:39pm